(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Government has not conducted any study on the impact of global slowdown on India's textiles and clothing industry. However, a Study apropos was conducted in June, 2009 by the Confederation of Indian Textiles Industry (CITI) in association with the three Textiles Export Promotion Councils for Apparel, Cotton and Synthetic fibres.

(c) and (d) The Directorate General of Commercial and Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata has published in November, 2009 the latest Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities and Countries) for the period upto June, 2009.

Revival of closed mills in Mumbai

2301. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to revive and renovate the closed cotton/ textile mills in Mumbai to give employment to millions of workers; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Special package for revival of NTC mills

2302. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has special package of revival of NTC mills owned by Government; and

(b) if so, the details of package for different mills and more specially to Kalaiyar Kovil Mills in Sivaganga district, Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Revival Scheme of National Textile Corporation (NTC) approved by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) is self-financing, and funds are generated through sale of surplus land and assets of closed mills. Government has only provided wage support during implementation period of revival scheme to meet out idle wages. However, Kalaiyar Kovil Mills in Sivaganga district, Tamil Nadu does not belong to NTC.

Assistance to workers rendered jobless

2303. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers rendered jobless due to the closure of textile mills during the last five years;

(b) the measures taken to rehabilitate them;

(c) the number of workers given financial assistance so far;

(d) whether lakhs of workers have been denied financial assistance;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the measures taken to ensure assistance to each and every worker rendered jobless?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) As per records, during the period October, 2004 to September, 2009, 77 cotton/man made fibre textile mills (Non SSI) were closed down. These mills had 22927 workers on their role.

(b) Government of India under Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) provides interim relief to the textile workers rendered unemployed as a consequence of permanent closure of any particular portion or entire textile unit. Assistance under the Scheme is payable to eligible workers only for the purpose of enabling them to settle in another employment. Any worker is eligible provided he/she is engaged in a closed textile unit on the date of its closure continuously for five years or more and earning a wage equivalent of Rs. 2500 per month or less for the mills closed between 6.6.1985 to 1.4.1993 and Rs. 3500 or less thereafter. They should be contributing to the Provident Fund maintained by the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner of the State concerned.

(c) to (e) Since inception of the Scheme, a total of 103755 workers out of 132956 workers on rolls have been given financial assistance till 31.10.2009 as per the funds available under the Scheme.

(f) Constant efforts were/are made by the Government to provide relief to displaced workers of closed textile mills at an early date by organizing various Grievances Redressal Meetings, which were/are presided over by the Textiles Minister/Textiles Commissioner/Joint Textiles Commissioner etc. Such meetings had/have the representatives from various State/Central Government Departments/Organisations/Labour Associations and from workers.

Obsolete technology in textile industry

†2304. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian textile industry is lagging behind in export competition with technology turning obsolete in Indian textile industry;

(b) the fall in production and export therefrom in 2008-09 as against last year;

(c) whether any road map has been prepared for upgradation of technology;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.